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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED
MINING AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

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1. SUMMARY. WE BELIEVE THAT FINLAND WOULD PREFER
THAT U.S. TAKE NO UNILATERAL ACTION RELATIVE TO DEVELOP-
MENT OF DEEP SEABED MINING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF 200-
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MILE FISHERIES ZONE. HOWEVER, FINLAND HAS ONLY

MODERATE DIRECT INTEREST IN EITHER OF THESE MATTERS AND WOULD NOT BE AMONG LEADERS IN ADVERSE REACTION TO PASSAGE BY SENATE AND POSSIBLY HOUSE OF THE TWO PIECES OF LEGISLATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FINLAND INTENDS SOME TIME AFTER SEPT. 15 TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL FISHING ZONE EIGHT NAUTICAL MILES WIDE OFF FINNISH COAST (SEE REF B FOR DETAILS). THIS WOULD COMMENCE AT THE OUTER EDGE OF FINLAND'S PRESENT FOUR NAUTICAL MILE WIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS. LEGISLATION TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WAS INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT IN EARLY JUNE 1974. WE KNOW OF NO FINNISH PLANS TO PROCLAIM A WIDER ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. FINNISH GOVERNMENT GENERALLY FAVORS INTERNATIONAL APPROACH, IN UN OR ON REGIONAL BASIS, TO SUCH PROBLEMS AS ECONOMIC AND FISHERIES ZONES. IT IS PROUD OF ITS LEADING ROLE IN AGREEMENT REACHED IN MARCH 1974 WITH OTHER SIX LITTORAL STATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF BALTIC SEA. FINLAND IS ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF LDC'S AND WOULD PROBABLY LOOK ASKANCE AT U.S. UNILATERAL ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SEABED RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT DEPRIVE LDC'S OF BENEFITS FROM EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED, WHEN AND IF AGREEMENT CONCERNING EXPLOITATION IS REACHED IN RESUMED LOS CONFERENCE.
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